

Flamingo Room • Reception 6:30 pm • Lecture 7 pm

Wednesday
October 12

Cheetahs: It's All in the Genes

By Mary Wykstra, Action for Cheetahs

Action for Cheetahs works with local people in Kenya to survey and map cheetah populations using Kenyan rangers, village engagement, and even scat-detection dogs to determine how cheetah populations use the fragmented habitat in this country. Mary Wykstra will share the stories and results of this work that help create, effective conservation programs to areas where they are most needed.



Mary Wykstra has worked in Kenya since 2001. She holds degrees from Michigan State University and Yale University, founded Carnivores, Livelihoods and Landscapes in 2009 and coordinates Action for Cheetahs in Kenya (ACK).



African conservation crafts will be sold at both lectures

Friday
October 21

Winning the War on Ivory

By Krissie Clark & Wayne Lotter, PAMS Foundation

PAMS Foundation has revolutionized conventional anti-poaching tactics and notched up remarkable achievements. Using an innovative intelligence-based multi-agency approach, which includes field experts, rangers on the ground, aerial surveillance, prosecutors, investigators, and community support, Tanzania has arrested many of the biggest ivory traders. Come learn how these efforts have reduced Tanzania's nearly 10,000 elephants killed a year by more than one third.



Wayne D. Lotter has been working in the conservation field for 28 years, in particular related to law enforcement, anti-poaching, strategic planning, and community conservation.

Krissie Clark is a founding member and Co-Director of the PAMS Foundation. She has over 19 years of experience in ecology, research, and conservation management.



Next Lecture: November 9 - "Luna - A Story of a Tree"

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October FREE Conservation Lectures at Sequoia Park Zoo:

EUREKA, CA – The Sequoia Park Zoo Conservation Lecture Series kicks off with two lectures in October: *Cheetahs - It's All in the Genes*, by Mary Wykstra of Action for Cheetahs in Kenya, on Wednesday, October 12, and *Elephants - Winning the War on Ivory*, by Krissie Clark & Wayne Lotter of PAMS Foundation, on Friday, October 21. Both events will be held in the Zoo's Flamingo Room and preceded by a reception with African conservation crafts sale starting at 6:30.

The October 12 lecture, *It's All in the Genes*, will focus on understanding range-wide cheetah occupancy and gene flow in Kenya by Mary Wykstra, Director of Carnivores, Livelihoods and Landscapes for Action for Cheetahs in Kenya (ACK) Project, Nairobi, Kenya. Action for Cheetahs works with local people to survey and map cheetah populations using Kenyan rangers, village engagement, and even scat-detection dogs to determine how cheetah populations use the fragmented habitat in this country. Mary Wykstra will share the stories and results of this work that help create, effective conservation programs to areas where they are most needed.

On Friday, October 21, in their presentation, *Elephants - Winning the War on Ivory*, Krissie Clark & Wayne Lotter of PAMS Foundation will discuss how an intelligent multiagency approach is the way to win the War on Ivory in Tanzania. This project is supported by Sequoia Park Zoo's Quarters for Conservation fundraising efforts. PAMS Foundation has revolutionized conventional anti-poaching tactics and notched up remarkable achievements. Using an innovative intelligence-based multi-agency approach, which includes field experts, rangers on the ground, aerial surveillance, prosecutors, investigators, and community support, Tanzania has arrested many of the biggest ivory traders. Attendees will learn how these efforts have reduced Tanzania's nearly 10,000 elephants killed a year by more than one third.

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As an AZA accredited facility, Sequoia Park Zoo incorporates wildlife conservation as an essential part of its mission. This includes spreading awareness about threats to wildlife and habitats, inspiring conservation action among our visitors, and helping to fund conservation field work.



